Your Rules are Over-Regulating the Baby Bells - specifically SBC Comm. You're ADDING to the problems in the Telecom Sector - you're forcing Investors to LOSE MORE MONEY, by levying fines approaching

a Half Billion Dollars since December, 1999. [We want to know WHERE all that money goes - you took it out of Investors' Pockets - -- just as much as the crooked CEO's.] In the fairness of competition, Support and get HR-1542 Passed, to open the door for Broadband Deployment. Everyone will benefit; Consumers, Business,

Education, the Government, and Investors.

We're all in favor of competition -- on an Equal Basis for ALL -- not just the smaller companies. It's no wonder the Baby Bells drag their feet on granting access to and use of their Installed Network. You're forcing them to GIVE IT AWAY at prices BELOW what it costs them to Install and Maintain it. You're giving them NOTHING back -- it's all one-sided. (I've seen it all - I've worked in the Telecom Industry since 1964.)

Ask yourself where this country would be today, were it not for the Decades of Hard Work, and Billions of dollars spent on Research and Infrastructure, that the Baby Bells have spent and continue to spend today.

The time has come to STOP Over-Regulating the Baby Bells. Let (FAIR) competition rule the marketplace..... In the long run, we ALL will thank you. Harry